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Lou Driessen  
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Re: Kangley-Echo Lake Transmission Line Project

Dear Mr. Driessen:

On July 8, 2002, the USDA Forest Service (USFS) entered into an Interagency Agreement (No. 02-IA-11061703002) as a cooperating agency with the Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) in the development of the Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement (SDEIS) for the Kangley-Echo Lake Transmission Line Project.

1480-001 As stated in the agreement, the USFS is to review environmental documentation and provide feedback to ensure that these documents could support decisions that may be required by the USFS. This includes environmental review and coordination with BPA on transmission line alternatives that cross National Forest System lands on the Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie and Wenatchee National Forests. In addition, the agreement specifies that the USFS, as a cooperating agency, will provide guidance on potential issues and analysis needs to sufficiently address current USFS requirements and processes.

1480-002 In reviewing the SDEIS that was recently released, I note that BPA is recommending Alternative 1, which parallels an existing BPA transmission line through the Cedar River Municipal Watershed, as the preferred alternative for this project. This alternative does not cross National Forest System land and, therefore, would not require any action on the part of the USFS.

1480-003 However, the analysis has not been performed at the same level of intensity for the alternatives proposed across National Forest System land. I understand you are aware that if one of the alternatives across National Forest System land (Alternative B or D) were selected as the preferred alternative for this project, the SDEIS would be inadequate to support the necessary decisions that would be required by the USFS. Additional field surveys, analysis, and consultation would be necessary to adequately display and disclose the impacts that would likely occur on National Forest System land. If this situation were to occur, further project delay would be inevitable in order to accommodate the required steps.

1480-004 I look forward to a continuing cooperative relationship regarding this project and other BPA projects that may involve National Forest System lands. If public comment on the SDEIS suggests a possible change in the preferred alternative, please notify the USFS project contact, Floyd Rogalski, at the earliest possible time. Thank you.

Sincerely,

/S/ SONNY J. O'NEAL  
 SONNY J. O'NEAL  
 Forest Supervisor

1480-001 Comment noted.

1480-002 Comment noted.

1480-003 BPA is aware of the additional work necessary if an alternative on National Forest land is chosen and the time it would take to complete this work.

1480-004 Thank you for your cooperation.



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Dear Mr. Driessen:

The Department of the Interior has reviewed the Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement (SDEIS) for the Kangley-Echo Lake Transmission Line Project, King County, Washington. The Department does not have any comments to offer.

We appreciate the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

Preston A. Sleeper  
Regional Environmental Officer

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1514-001 Comment noted.